



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace Corps**

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps was founded in 1961, when United States Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries; this inspiration has produced Peace Corps, a federal government agency devoted to world peace and friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps has adapted and responded to the issues of the times; Peace Corps Volunteers have met new challenges with innovation, creativity, determination and compassion; their work in villages, towns and cities around the world represents a legacy of service that has become a significant part of America's history and positive image abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and contributing to President Obama's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 13, 2011; the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawaii, in coordination with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea will host a reception at Honolulu Hale in Oahu; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peace Corps will be joining the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean International Overseas Volunteer Agency, an outgrowth of Peace Corps' work in Korea;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2011 as**

## **"PEACE CORPS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to commend the Peace Corps for its dedication in helping individuals around the world build a better life for themselves and their families.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of August, 2011.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i